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"TUNGCHOW" PIRACY SEQUEL.

As far as is known the Captain W. McIntosh, master of the s.s. "Tungchow" is not in a dangerous condition. On inquiry this morning the "China Mail" was informed however that his wound was serious. This morning he was removed to the Peak Hospital for medical attention.

To-morrow the steamer is due to leave again for the North taking on coal to-day for the trip which had to be foregone owing to the intervention of piracy, described below. The passengers are travelling by the steamer.

The "Tungchow," at tiffin time, was off Blake Pier.

The Attack Described.

A sensational piracy by Bias Bay pirates, this time operating from the North where they booked as passengers, has taken place on board the China Navigation steamer, the s.s. "Tungchow."

The pirates, all Hakka men, shot the captain (Captain W. McIntosh) who sustained severe injury and in falling also fractured his ankle. The passengers were not interfered with but they had the unpleasant experience of being under armed supervision whilst the vessel was brought down from seven hours' journey out of Shanghai to Bias Bay where the pirates decamped with \$30,000 bullion carried by the ship and \$10,000 in jewellery and personal effects.

The passengers were informed by the pirates that "any warship come, we make die; but we make kill everyone. They also threatened to burn the vessel if there was danger of attack. With these threats hanging over them the ship's company were not at all anxious that passing ships should attempt to interfere. In fact, when another B and S. vessel passed quite close the usual courtesies had to be observed as if nothing was wrong. The passing vessel dipped her flag and the "Tung Chow" responded by running up the B. and S. flag and dipping her flag also. At the time pirates had weapons trained on the Chief Officer (Mr. Nisbit) on the bridge.

"Terrible Looking Things." All the officers were threatened separately by the pirates but the Captain was the only one shot. In addition to revolvers, the pirates were armed with hatchets, daggers and other weapons. "I have never seen more terrible looking things" said one of the passengers. The passengers throughout, however, appear to have acted courageously and pay high tributes to the officers. "They acted splendidly and we have nothing but praise for the way in which the situation was handled," said Mrs. Melchers, one of the passengers.

The presence of mind exercised by Mrs. Emmett is also praised to by everyone aboard. As a medical missionary, she was able efficiently to look after the captain from the time that he was shot and it may well be that by her expert attention the case has been prevented from assuming even a more serious aspect.

There were fourteen British and 120 Chinese passengers aboard the "Tungchow" at the time of the piracy.

On the arrival of the ship at Hongkong yesterday after five days of pirate supervision (the pirates decamped at 2 p.m. yesterday afternoon in waiting sampans) Waglan was signalled and the police went aboard at once. The services of Surgeon-Lieut. Neil, of H.M.S. "Petersfield" were secured for the Captain and it was arranged that the injured man should be taken to the Peak Hospital this morning.

W. D. and H. O. Wills have had prepared as New Year mementoes for their customers, a remarkably fine wall calendar, each of the six plates being a work of art. One of the famous Wills brand of cigarettes is featured at the foot of each. The Asiatic Petroleum Company, famous the world over for its oil productions, is issuing a beautiful wall calendar depicting an "Empress" liner and a tanker against a background of Hongkong's familiar hillside. A couple of junka provide the finishing touches to one of the most artistic

PERFECT MOVEMENT.

MRS. DIANA WATTS' SECOND LECTURE.

A DAILY STRETCH.

HOW TO KEEP IN "PERFECT CONDITION."

The exercise of patience and determination in the continuation of a body movement occupying the period of two minutes would enable one to feel a new human being in the course of a few weeks, claimed Mrs. Diana Watts in the course of a lecture yesterday evening at the Theatre Royal on the Science and Art of Perfect Movement.

The lecture was well attended. The movement in question was one of stretch and Mrs. Watts drew an analogy with regard to the movements of dogs. Her attention had recently been drawn by a famous Egyptologist to the deciphering of an old proverb on a recently unearthed papyrus which bore out what had been maintaining for some years. A translation of this was "If a man will only stretch once a day like a dog he will never grow old."

"I claim in all sincerity from my own experience and observation of others," said Mrs. Watts, "that this is the only exercise needed for the maintenance of perfect condition. You can sweep everything else aside." Mrs. Watts advised its adoption early in the morning as no garment, however free, was loose enough and would impede free action.

MOVEMENT DETAILED.

As demonstrated by Mrs. Watts, the exercise consisted first of a shoulder stretch which in her own words "lifts the body out of the hips." The body was in absolute vertical plane with weight on the ball of the feet. A swift upward movement of the arms above the head followed, allowing the greatest lateral expansion of the ribs and a deep intake of breath. Still with the body poised and the muscles at the greatest tension possible a swift downward sweep followed and the movement was repeated several times.

The muscles of the leg should "feel simply shrieking and the body for the nonce thoroughly exhausted, this feeling being followed by one of extreme restfulness," Mrs. Watts emphasised that the elbows should be forced well forward and up in the movement to the top of the head, allowing a tremendous arm stretch. "All tendencies to drop the head should be fought resolutely and the angle of the face should be exactly ahead."

The essence of balance was explained by the lecturer. She had already illustrated it as it was exemplified in Greek sculpture in a previous lecture. To the Greeks it was a science definitely to be proved along mathematical lines. It was interesting in this connection to study the word "harmony." In modern times it was used exclusively in connection with singing, colour or the interchange of tones, entirely with reference to abstract conditions. In architecture of ancient times, the word "harmony" was used to infer the keystone of any edifice on which the balance of the whole depended.

COMPLEX EXERCISES.

In her demonstration of the actual movement, application of the Greek idea, Mrs. Watts emphasised the necessity for keeping the centre of gravity of the body constantly vertical. A movement considerably more complicated than the simple one she advised her audience to perform regularly was one in which there was constant movement of the foot and alteration of the angle of the body. The repetition of the sequential movements formed a curve in vertical plane and in spite of the swift leg movements the body was kept perfectly still throughout.

Still more difficult were complex movements in vertical plane in which the body, finished at the conclusion of one movement at right angles to where the demonstrator began. The weight was rested entirely on the ball of one foot allowing a complete right-angle turn. Yet another difficult exercise was demonstrated in which Mrs. Watts

UNIQUE EVENT.

LOCAL SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY.

DOUBLE LAUNCHING TO-DAY.

Unique in local annals—and a red letter day in the Hongkong shipbuilding industry—is the fact that two ocean-going steamers will be launched simultaneously at five o'clock this afternoon.

As detailed in yesterday's "China Mail" the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock & Co., Ltd., are to launch the s.s. "Siang Wo" for the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd. (Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.) at Hungnam to-day. At the same time the Taikoo Dock and Engineering Co. of Hongkong, Ltd., will launch the s.s. "Antung" for the China Navigation Co., Ltd. (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire).

Mrs. Clementi, wife of H.E. the Governor (the Hon. Mr. Cecil Clementi, C.M.G.), will perform the ceremony at Hungnam.

Miss Stirling, daughter of Commodore A. J. B. Stirling, R.N., will honour the Quarry Bay gathering in like manner.

"ANTUNG'S" DESCRIPTION.

The single-screw turbine steamer "Antung" is built to the order of the China Navigation Co., Ltd.

This vessel, which is of the awning deck type, has an overall length of 350 feet, a beam of 49 feet, and 34 feet depth to awning deck, built to scantlings approved by the British Corporation on the deep framed system, with a cellular double bottom all fore and aft, three complete decks, and four cargo holds.

A large steel deckhouse amidships has accommodation for 20 first-class passengers with saloon at fore end. On the promenade deck are staterooms and saloon for 80 second passengers. The dining saloon has been designed and panelled which, with the pleasing upholstery, makes a very neat and harmonious room.

The officers and engineers are accommodated in rooms abaft the passengers' staterooms. On the boat deck in a steel house are the captain's rooms with chart room forward. At the after end of boat deck is a steel house for the wireless operator and a room for the officers' recreation, combining smoke room and music room for their use.

The vessel has 10 steam winches and 10 derricks arranged for 2, 5 and 10 ton lifts, while provision has been made for a 30-ton derrick. Electric light is fitted throughout the vessel and a plentiful supply of fans. Eight lifeboats are housed on boat deck, the davits being fitted with Turnbull's patent turning out gear.

The machinery consists of one set of geared turbines of the Brown Curtis type, supplied with super-heated steam from three multitubular marine boilers having a working pressure of 220 lbs. per square inch. Turbines and boilers have been constructed by the Taikoo Dockyard.

A speed of over 13 knots is anticipated on trial.

N.E. winds, moderate; fair at first, some drizzle or mist later, are forecasted until noon to-morrow. Moderate monsoon may be expected along the S.E. coast of China and over the China Sea. Temperature at 6 a.m. to-day, 60; at 2 p.m. yesterday, 68.

an acute angle and after a series of eight which took her over the greater part of the stage, returned without, once looking at the ground to the chalk mark whence she had set out. The body turned, she explained by resistance of the shoulders. The exercise occasioned loud applause from the audience and Mrs. Watts explained that it had been complicated in this instance by a stage which was not absolutely flat.

All of the movements, Mrs. Watts explained, by geometrical figures registered by the camera. In reproducing certain well-known statues, Mrs. Watts showed the imperfect balance and great fault of the famous statue of Broos, recently removed from Piccadilly Circus. Very interesting and amusing were the reconstructed dive at golf and the manner in which to "ride" a horse, which was a happy road to

THE SUN'S ECLIPSE.

FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER IN HONGKONG.

ON WAY TO SUMATRA.

MAN WHO FLEW OVER NIAGARA FALLS.

Whilst passing through the Colony yesterday on the s.s. "President Van Buren," Captain B. W. Harris, the official photographer of the American Signal Corps, chatted with a "China Mail" representative with reference to his visit to Sumatra.

Captain Harris came into prominence in the astronomical world in January of this year when on the occasion of the sun's eclipse he was the only man to register on his camera the solar eclipse in all its phases. He also obtained a measure of notoriety when he flew over Niagara Falls in an aeroplane and took the first view of them that has been taken from the air.

As the time for keeping the eclipse under observation diminishes with the distance from the centre of locality of the eclipse, Capt. Harris was commissioned by the American Signal Corps to journey to Sumatra to take the eclipse which occurs on January 14.

COURSE OF ECLIPSE.

The eclipse strikes the earth off the east coast of Africa, about sunrise, passes across a path, 17 miles wide, over the island of Sumatra and leaves the earth at a spot in proximity to the Philippines about sunset, its path then being 100 miles wide.

At Sumatra the many astronomical experts who will journey there for the purpose of taking the eclipse will have the opportunity of studying it and taking photographs for a period of three minutes and one second.

Capt. Harris's object, now that he has accomplished what no one else has so far been able to do, is to take a moving picture film register of the shadow bands that appear, generally about two minutes before and after the period of totality. These have never yet been photographed.

His equipment has been furnished him by the U.S. Signal Corps and Air Service and constitutes some very finely gauged instruments. On board the "Van Buren" he has been engaged in friendly rivalry in the matter of his prospects with astronomical experts who are proceeding to Sumatra representing the Swarthmore College, Harvard University and other institutions. There is much speculation among them as to who will be the most successful with the pictures taken.

The s.s. "President Van Buren" left with its parties of explorers and astronomers yesterday morning.

THE ATHERLEY CASE.

NOT TO BE HEARD BEFORE MONDAY.

JURORS TO NOTE.

The case was to have begun this morning of Mr. James Edward Atherley, former manager of Getz Bros. (of the Orient) Ltd., who is to appear at the Criminal Sessions on charges of fraudulent conversion of sums of money belonging to his employers.

Owing to lengthy cross-examination in the murder case the Atherley case will not, however, be begun until Monday at the earliest.

The Attorney General asked the Press to note for the benefit of jurors summoned that they would be expected to attend at the Supreme Court at 10.30 a.m. on Monday morning.

XMAS CRICKET.

Following is the amended team representing the Army against the Hongkong C.C. in the triangular cricket tournament on Christmas and Boxing days.

Bank of Canton Building. Major Battersley (Smith) (R.A.); Major Pollard (R.A.M.C.); Capt. Warters (I.M.S.); Capt. Morris (I.A.S.C.); Capt. Armstrong; Capt. Allfree (East Surrey); Lt. Smith (R.A.); C.Q.M.S. Strupp (East Surrey); Gm. Clayton; Sgt. Goady; (R.E.); Surgeon-Lieut. Col. Robinson; Surgeon-Lieut. Col. Robinson.

BORDER MURDER.

QUESTION OF IDENTITY AT TRIAL.

VERACITY OF CONSTABLE'S EVIDENCE.

The question of "identification" loomed largely in the "cross-examination" at the Criminal Sessions this morning. Mr. Bliley Zeitlyn was cross-examining a police witness who was with an Indian constable at the time a wood cutter was arrested and prior to the Indian constable in question being found mortally wounded. The arrested man was then nowhere to be found.

The Crown allege that the prisoner is the man who was arrested and that he shot the constable to effect his escape.

The constable under cross-examination this morning said he was convinced prisoner was the man who was arrested for cutting wood and who was last in the company of the Indian constable. He recognised him by a black mark on his forehead and his height.

Mr. Zeitlyn (who was instructed by Mr. G. K. Hall Brinton) asked prisoner if the information with regard to the black mark was not contained in a police notification posted up at several places prior to his identification. Witness replied that it was. He was sure the prisoner was the man. He recognised him 50 per cent, when he first identified him. That was because he was wearing long trousers. If at the identification parade he had been wearing the shorts he was wearing when he was cutting wood, he would have recognised him 100 per cent.

THE POLICE REWARD.

Mr. Zeitlyn was cross-examining with regard to the contents of the police notification of reward when the Attorney General raised the point that its contents were inadmissible in evidence. His Lordship, however, held that Mr. Zeitlyn was within his rights in cross-examination. The object of his cross-examination must be perfectly obvious to the jury. The suggestion was that the witness had not trusted to his own memory in respect of the man but had got the particulars from the poster.

Mr. Zeitlyn: I tried to wrap it up as carefully as I could.

Mr. Zeitlyn cross-examined the constable with regard to the period of time he had kept under observation the man arrested for wood cutting. The constable admitted that the whole time he was keeping an eye out for other wood cutters.

The manner in which the wood-cutter had run away when first seen by the police also came in for review. Witness said he had "run like a young man." Questioned as to whether that would not be unlikely for a man of 50, witness said that as soon as he saw the man's face he could see he was not a young man.

In the course of the case, Mr. Zeitlyn asked His Lordship if he could tell the witness to look up and at the jury.

His Lordship: No, I want to make it perfectly clear that I won't have it suggested that the witness is telling lies. If that has to be done I will do it. Cross-examination of this first witness still continues having extended over the period of over two and a half days.

ALLEGED THEFT.

RUSSIAN WOMEN CHARGED.

Two Russian women named Daria Sramoloff and Tamara Laskooloff were charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with the larceny of four rolls of satin valued at \$475 from a show case at the Wing On Company.

Defendants pleaded not guilty to the charges which were explained to them through a Russian interpreter.

Sergeant Meadows asked for a formal remand to enable him to make enquiries as there had been a further case of shop-lifting this morning in which it is believed two Europeans are concerned. Defendants were remanded in police custody until to-morrow morning.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

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BATH CLUB SUED.

CAPTAIN WRIGHT'S EXPULSION.

SUIT AS A SEQUEL.

Captain Peter Wright, who was expelled from the Bath Club, after he had ignored the committee's invitation to resign, told a representative of the "Sunday Express" that he will issue a writ against the club authorities.

The incident arose out of the publicly expressed resentment of Lord Gladstone at the imputations made by Captain Wright in his book on the character of the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone.

"Admirers of Gladstone," said Captain Wright, "wanted to know what evidence I had for the imputations. They will, I think, hear it at the trial which is to take place."

Lord Gladstone and his brothers, it will be recalled, wrote to Captain Wright a letter in which he was described as "a liar, a coward, and a fool," and invited him to take legal proceedings against them.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" from Manila is due here to-day and will berth at Buoy No. A.B.

The B.L. s.s. "Benalder" from Leith, Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits left Singapore for this port on Dec. 17, p.m. and is due to arrive here to-morrow.

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"KHYBER"	8,114	23rd Jan.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"DELTA"	8,089	4th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KARWALA"	8,089	20th Feb.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"MANUVA"	10,902	8th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
"KASHMIR"	8,089	13th Mar.	Marseilles, London & Antwerp
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"KASHEGAR"	8,000	18th May	Marseilles, London & Antwerp

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"ARAFURA"	8,000	8th Jan.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	3rd Feb.	do.
"TANDA"	8,500	7th Mar.	do.
"ARAFURA"	8,000	15th May	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	2nd June	do.

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"TAKADA"	6,915	24th Dec. at 8.30 a.m.	Amoy, Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"SICILIA"	6,812	28th Dec. at Noon	Shanghai and Kobe
"KHYBER"	8,114	17th Dec. daylight	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"HYMETTUS"	4,608	2nd Jan.	Yokohama, Kobe and Shanghai.
"SANTIA"	8,500	7th Jan.	Shanghai and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"TANDA"	8,500	28th Feb.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"KHYBER"	8,114	30th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	8th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARWALA"	8,089	13th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,089	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	10th Apr.	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama.
"KASHEGAR"	8,000	15th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KHYBER"	8,114	30th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"TANDA"	8,500	3rd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	14th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"KARWALA"	8,089	20th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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VESSELS DUE.

FROM SHANGHAI.

Dec. 21.—S. Line. Pres. Wilson
22.—A. O. L. Pres. Jefferson
31.—O.P.S. Empress of Russia
FROM NORTH CHINA.
Jan. 12.—J.O.J.L. Tjibodas

FROM SINGAPORE.

Dec. 26.—N.Y.K. Kashima Maru
27.—H.S.L. Brill Kirdorf
28.—P. & O. Stella
Jan. 3.—B.F. Penang
11.—R. K. Poonau
22.—B.F. Mentor
23.—B.F. Automedon
Feb. 2.—B.F. Beoter
3.—B.F. Holonus
10.—B.F. Talamachus
18.—B.F. Talythius
Mac. 2.—R.F. Jason

FROM CALCUTTA.

Dec. 20.—B. I. Takale
31.—B. I. Hyattus
Jan. 6.—B. I. Nanthia

FROM BOMBAY.

Jan. 8.—P. & O. Delta
FROM JAVA.
Dec. 27.—J.O.J.L. Tjibodas
31.—J.O.J.L. Tjibodas

FROM JAPAN.

Dec. 24.—J.O.J.L. Tjibodas
25.—S. Line. Pres. Wilson
26.—A. O. L. Pres. Jefferson
31.—O.P.S. Empress of Russia
Jan. 6.—T.K.K. Rakuyo Maru

FROM MANILA.

Jan. 1.—S. Line. Pres. Wilson
2.—A. O. L. Pres. Jefferson
6.—O.P.S. Empress of Russia

FROM SYDNEY AND MELBOURNE.

Dec. 23.—B. & S. Changto
24.—E. & A. St. Albans
19.—N.Y.K. Asahi Maru
21.—N.Y.K. Misubima Maru
Mar. 12.—E. & A. Arafura
Apr. 9.—E. & A. St. Albans

FROM SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.

Dec. 24.—B. F. Protetians
25.—B. F. Philoctetes
26.—N.Y.K. Yokohama Maru
27.—N.Y.K. Tyndarus
Feb. 4.—N.Y.K. Hag Maru

FROM U.S.A.

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FROM BUENOS AIRES.

Dec. 27.—N.Y.K. Kashiwa Maru
FROM LONDON.
Dec. 25.—P. & O. Khyber
26.—G. L. Glenshiel
Jan. 8.—P. & O. Malwa
10.—G. L. Pambokobire
21.—G. L. Glenfuir
22.—P. & O. Karmala
23.—G. L. Glenogly
13.—G. L. Glenway

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Jan. 5.—B. F. Oana
FROM DUNKIRK.
Dec. 25.—S.E.A. Formosa
Jan. 1.—S.E.A. Agia

FROM EUROPEAN PORTS.

Dec. 24.—H.A.L. Preussen
25.—P. & O. Khyber
26.—N.Y.K. Kamo Maru
27.—N.Y.K. Gemma
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FROM HAMBURG.

Jan. 2.—N. L. Anhalt
30.—N. L. Fulda
Feb. 27.—N. L. Derfflinger
FROM COPENHAGEN.
Jan. 10.—E. A. Kina
Feb. 8.—E. A. Torgking
15.—E. A. Danmark
Mar. 6.—E. A. Asia
Apr. 10.—E. A. Java

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yun, Mrs W. P. Dickinson, Mr N.
B. Karanjia, Mrs Zora Karanjia, Mr
Julio Oday, Mr C. Fisher, Mr K.
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Miss E. R. Bartholomew, Mr A.
Breeds, Mr E. S. M. Stewart.

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on Dec. 22: Mr and Mrs P. H.
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and Mrs Springbold, Mrs F. E.
Lee, Misses Jane Lee, Luitie Dan-
ner, L. Danner, S. Sully, Master R.
Sully, Mrs R. Sully, Mr C.
Schneider, Mr and Mrs H. Rigan-
bach, Master J. Riganbach, Mr H.
C. Shrubsole, Mr Geo. L. Hewitt,
Mrs E. Richmond, Mrs G. Otto,
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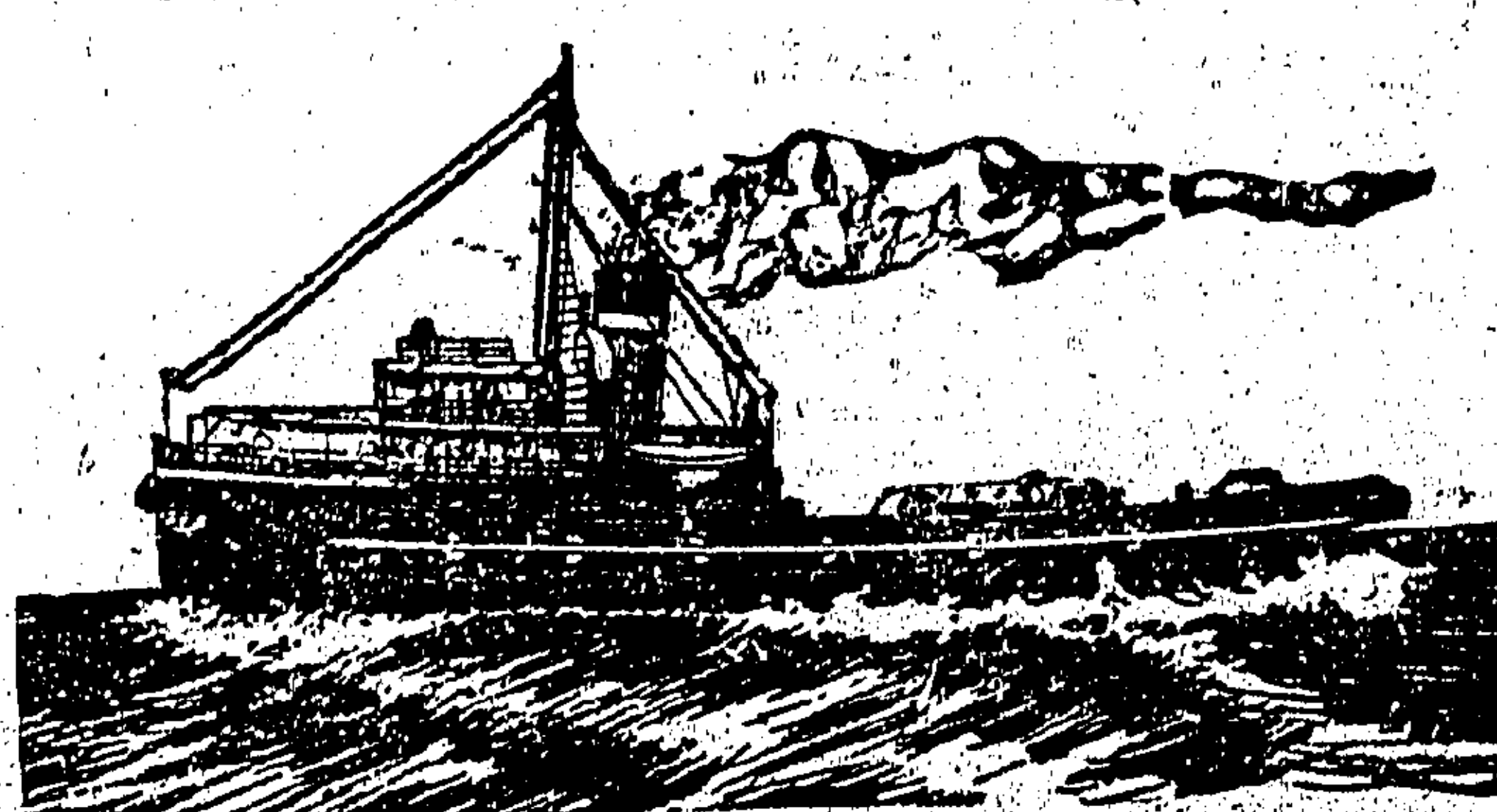
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LINKING THE EMPIRE.

If the closing year has not been remarkable for any outstanding invention, it should go down into limbo as the year in which the science of aviation has advanced considerably. The achievements of airmen seem now to be a commonplace of the world's news. We take them as we do accepted facts, with the feeling that they must be. Even Amundsen's failure to reach the North Pole by air flight finds us almost unmoved. Amundsen—or if not he then someone else, will reach that place by an air route. Of that we feel almost certain. Man's intrepidity coupled with the perfection of existing inventions, or the creation of new ones will accomplish the seemingly impossible. The daily whirl of the engines of the "Hermes" planes accustoms us in Hongkong to the fact of air supremacy. The only thing to wonder at is when aviation will become a sort of second nature and we shall make use of aerial machines with the same faith and confidence that we now place in ships. Are we likely in our day and generation, to see the conqueror of the air, a serious competitor with the sea and the steam boat? Where freight is concerned the ships seem to have it. Where long distances are concerned and health and pleasure are prime considerations, ships again will continue to be the favorites. But over short distances, the air ship and plane will probably have a field to them-

self. In other important connections, where it is possible to make a long journey safe by instituting a number of stops, the aerial "railway" is being urged. At the recent Empire Press Conference in Australia, one of the most important matters dealt with was that of the proposed Empire Air service under which it will be possible to make the journey from Melbourne to London in ten days as compared with five weeks by steamer. The British Government's proposals include the construction of a large shed and mooring mast at Karachi, India, and of a mooring mast at Ismailia, Egypt. It has arranged for the construction of two 5,000,000 cubic-foot airships in which trial trips will be made to India. The originator of the debate—Sir Harry Brittain—said it would be for private enterprise to come forward and establish a regular weekly service, and he hoped to see the big steamship companies taking an active interest in the new means of travel. He was looking forward to the time, when these companies would operate fast airships for mails and passengers, leaving them free to develop an economical class of 14-knot steamers to carry goods and general passenger freight. The suggestion is an excellent one. It is excellent by reason of the fact that it does not foster a "war" against shipping companies, but gives them a "tip" well worthy of earnest consideration. It is not too much to expect that ere long we shall read announcements of the sailings and flights of the ships of air and sea of the "Steam and Airship Company Ltd." The idea in the mind of Sir Harry Brittain was the linking up of the Empire by means of an air service. England to Egypt, for instance, would take two days as against the present mail transit of from four to six days. The saving of time to other places would also be considerable. The question of transport of mails by air also comes into the question. The question of cost, too, comes into the matter and it is here that steamers are well-nigh invincible. The figures quoted for cost of mails by air service seem high (6d. an ounce from London to Egypt; 2/- to Australia, etc.) whilst the difference in cost of passage is shown by figures quoted to South Africa \$120 as against 470 by sea. This suggests

Carols.

The custom of Carol singing, makes, or should make, Christmas pre-eminently the musical holiday. Like the holly wreath in the hall, or the festooned and scintillating tree, the ancient traditional tunes are inseparable from a proper observance of the Yuletide. "Silent Night," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "God Rest You, Merry Gentlemen," and the other established favourites evoke precious associations wherever and whenever sung. To their number are added certain hymns, like "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," that are part of the literature of Christmas as surely as is Dickens' immortal "Christmas Carol." The first significance of carol singing is in no feat of vocalism or technique of instruments. It is in the stirring of many hearts and voices to make song together. There is a joyful union of sentiment as well as sound. The words, often quaintly archaic and picturesque, are of less moment than the feeling. It is a good thing for a city that in its public squares, as in the churches, there is recognised the desire to unite in a joyful choral aspiration. At such moments the Star of Bethlehem is burning overhead; the rustle of angels' wings seems audible. The spirit of Christmas in the air is a great, undeniable force, as strong as public opinion, and the meanest Old Scrooge in the world cannot deny and dismiss the fact that the Christmas carols proclaim. It is this, and more, which makes us welcome the plan of certain good people at Kowloon to carry the message of carol singing to those who have the mind to listen to it. The idea should be more general than it is.

Pessimism in China.

The proceedings at the China Tariff Conference have naturally provided the basis of numerous articles, but unfortunately the writers of the majority of them profess to take what they are complacently pleased to call the "long view." Their optimism is a thing of the future. Immediate effects are of no account. Much as optimism is to be recommended and encouraged in regard to Chinese questions, it is sometimes a relief to find a note of pessimism struck boldly. Thus, we read in a Tientsin paper that "the Chinese are capable of the utmost degree of irresponsibility." . . . "once they feel that they have the upper hand to people on earth can be more utterly unreasonable than the Chinese intellectuals." In the opinion of our contemporary "tariff sovereignty is not so absolute as some of the woefully ignorant bookworms in Peking seem to think." Now, Treaties will have to be concluded with the Powers eventually, and the Powers will naturally be guided by the actual state of affairs in China at that time. If no attempt has been made by China to fulfil her obligations, how can such Treaties be signed? It is questionable whether even a Chinese Government would attempt to negotiate in such hopeless and humiliating circumstances. Finally, our contemporary frankly fears that conditions will continue to grow worse in China during the next three years, and that the taxation imposed by the independent robber hands in the Provinces will be so excessive that an autonomous tariff on top of it would immediately paralyse trade, the prospects of which will be gravely prejudiced by the increased interim rates. This is pessimism with a vengeance but it is certainly more sincere than much of the optimism that merely fringes the surface of China's grave problems.

THEY SAY THAT—

"Somehow, it never seems like Christmas without a little snow." "I simply haven't seen it since we got to Hongkong." "Wait, it's coming Christmas. It'll snow again."

SHREDS AND PATCHES.

The way in which some people are presents. When giving presents is a sin: For instance, a teetotaler. Offer receives a case of gin. The man who wears a beard, a razor. I did not choose by gifts that way, sir. Now Jones is madly keen on golf. All other games he holds in scorn. He dreams of it when driving off to business in the early morn. Of "slices," "pulls," and "putts" he thinks. So I gave him a set of links. Brown is a gardener who grows Ecstatic o'er his scented stocks. He jealously regards each rose. And, like the shepherd, tends his flock. I found the very thing he needs—Cigars, some "rank, luxuriant weeds!"

My wife's dear mother, when she stays At our abode, keeps me awake, Talking about my errand ways Till I'm afraid her tongue must ache. This Christmas Day I said, "Dear mother, Here is a nice, thick respirator!"

WHO ARE THE ROTARIANS? The Rotary clubs of Great Britain and Ireland have been holding their annual conference at Blackpool, and marked one further stage in the growth of this interesting community within a community. We still hear the question "What are the Rotarians?" and "Who are the Rotarians?" and the answer is, sometimes more mystifying than that which we received to the question "What are the Freemasons?" Unlike the latter, they are not a secret society; their aims are ab-

solutely open, and indeed are described with propagandist zeal; but, like them, they have a world-wide organisation, which started in America, and has greatly developed in Britain. They aim at having a club in every town. The first of these clubs was started in Chicago. It was a circle of business men, each representing a different calling. The members were to meet regularly, to have no conflicting interests, and to get to know one another well. "Service—not self," was their motto. Composed of well-to-do men, of unimpeachable reputations, there is no obvious reason why the Rotary Club should be very different from many other social clubs—but it is. The example of one is followed by the example of another; the club enthusiasm of one communicates itself to another; and the spirit of fellowship, fostered primarily between member and member, has, in fact, led to many useful activities outside the immediate scope of their own circle. Many have wondered why Hongkong has no Rotarian Club.

Perhaps of all the things there are The quaintest is the motor-car. I often wonder how it works: Presumably those quips and quarks Inside it make the wheels go round. But I will not just now expound The principle on which they act. Because I do not know, in fact, I do know, though, that overmuch Allusion to the friction-clutch And tireless dithering of things, Like timing-wheels and piston rings, Combustion, universal joints, Magneto and suspension points, Compression, plugs, and little ends— These things can part devoted friends, And ceaseless "shop" in married life Can permanently rile a wife. Her husband's "shop" must have, she'll say, At least one early-closing day.

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THE LATE MR. J. J. GOMES.

The remains of the late Mr. J. J. Gomes were laid to rest at the Catholic cemetery at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon, the Rev. Father Spada officiating. Among those present were:— Messrs. J. V. Gomes, L. G. Gomes, L. G. Gomes, J. Gomes (sons), F. T. Gomes, C. Gomes, and G. Gomes (brothers), as chief mourners, Mr. R. M. Dyer (chief manager of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Mr. E. L. Hoie (secretary of the Kowloon Dock), Messrs. J. E. Cock, R. J. Goodman, D. Gow, R. Lapeley, A. M. Simpson, R. H. White, A. A. Bolton, F. Cullen, J. H. Lawrence, J. M. Remedios, E. A. Remedios, A. Mendes, A. Place, J. Marques, J. M. Ozorio, (members of the staff of the Kowloon Dock), Father J. R. Nova, E. V. M. R. de Sousa (president of the Club de Recreio), J. P. Braga, C. A. Assumpcao, P. Murray, J. M. Noronha, A. F. Osmund, Y. A. Yvanovich, Dr. B. Sousa, M. A. Remedios and many others. Wreaths were sent by wife and family, his sons, and brothers, staff of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., Club de Recreio, Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Dyer, Mr. Walter Laine, Mr. and Mrs. Lapeley, Mr. Maxwell and family, Miss L. Mackenzie, Mr. and Mrs. E. Cock, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Osmund, Mr. and Mrs. D. Gow, Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ford, Mr.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

THE BISHOP OF LONDON.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)
Sir,—It has not escaped notice that the Bishop of London is to pay a visit to Korea and Ceylon next year. No mention is made of Hongkong. I respectfully suggest that our local ecclesiastical authorities should make an effort to get the Bishop to visit Hongkong. The Bishop is an interesting personality and whilst any visit he might make here would be of particular interest to members of his own denomination, the larger number outside that denomination would be glad to welcome him in the sphere of the general discussion of moral and social problems. Yours, etc.,
A. Reader.
Hongkong, December 22.

just know she's going to send me something."

"No Christmas isn't what it was when I was a boy."

"Why, I'm not going to send them a thing. They never even asked me to their stupid party."

"Oh, a Christmas card will do for Horace, but what shall I do about Gildersleeve children?"

"But who's going to know that we bought it at a sale?"

"It's not what it's worth. It's the spirit."

"Oh, I'll tell him I didn't know his address."

"Wait, it's being Christmas. It'll be another year."

BEATEN BACK.**BIG ATTACK AGAINST WHOLE LINE.**

THIS MORNING'S OPERATIONS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Shanghai, Dec. 23.

A wireless message from Tientsin reports that after heavy artillery fire from the Kuomintang lines this morning at three o'clock they attacked in force the whole line from Hankou village to Meichang, driving Li Ching-lin's forces back to their reserve lines between Putsang and Hsi-tow.

The Chihli troops were driven back four or five kilometres, and there are indications that the Chihli defence is breaking down as they are outnumbered by three to one. Feng's troops are expected to reach Tientsin to-morrow or even to-night. However, Li Ching-lin went to the front yesterday afternoon to organise a last stand.

PRECARIOUS POSITION.

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

The Japanese Government is sending immediately from Port Arthur two hundred troops to Tientsin, making a total garrison of 550.

It is stated that the situation is rather precarious in the Tientsin district.

SOVIET'S NEW ALLY.**TERMS OF TREATY WITH TURKEY.**

SAFEGUARDS AGAINST WAR.

(Reuter's Service.)

Moscow, Dec. 22.

The Press publishes the text of the Turco-Soviet Treaty concluded in Paris last Thursday between M. Chicherin and Teyfik Ruzhdi "tending to strengthen the exceptional friendship uniting Turkey and the Soviet," stipulating that if one were attacked, the other will remain neutral in relation to the first.

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Third: Lays down that the parties agree to arrange parleys to fix the method of arranging possible mutual differences that cannot be adjusted by diplomatic means.

DISARMAMENT.**NEXT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE.**

AMERICA FAVOURABLE.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 21.

President Coolidge is drawing up a reply to the invitation to the United States to attend a preliminary discussion on disarmament. It is stated at White House that his study of the question is "of a constructive and affirmative nature."

Senator King introduced a resolution in the Senate in favour of authorising the United States to participate in the Disarmament Conference.

BOXING DAY NEWS.**EVENING PAPERS TO BE PUBLISHED.**

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 22.

As the result of a conference between representatives of the Printing Federation and the Newspaper Society, the evening newspapers will be published in most provincial towns on Boxing Day.

KING'S SPEECH.**A REVIEW OF EMPIRE EVENTS.**

LESSONS OF WEMBLEY.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 22.

The King's Speech at the prorogation of Parliament opens with a reference to the death of Queen Alexandra, and acknowledges the sympathy expressed in all parts of the Dominions and foreign countries.

It expresses pride in the warm welcome given to H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on his recent visit to South Africa, West Africa, and South America.

It believes that the agreements made at Locarno and signed in London will prove not only the foundation of true peace between the peoples immediately concerned but the beginning of friendly co-operation which cannot fail to benefit the whole world.

It is his heartfelt prayer that the Irish agreement will advance co-operation and strengthen goodwill in Ireland.

Gratitude is expressed to all throughout the Empire who co-operated in the Wembley Exhibition. His Majesty is sure that the increased knowledge which it brought of the resources and activities of his people will have lasting beneficial results.

Further preferences, in Empire imports have been made, and other measures for the development of Empire trade are being closely considered.

FAMOUS PUBLISHER.**DEATH OF MR. ALFRED MUNSEY.**

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, Dec. 22.

The death is reported of Mr. Frank Andrew Munsey, the well-known publisher.



Mr. Munsey, who was born in 1854, started his business career in a country store, and became manager of the Western Union Telegraph Office at Augusta. In 1882 he went to New York and started "The Golden Argosy," a juvenile weekly; in 1889 he started "Munsey's Weekly," which was converted into "Munsey's Magazine" in 1891. He also owned "The Argosy," "All Story Weekly," "New York Mail," "Sun and Globe," and "Evening Telegram." He was the author of five books, the last of which was published as far back as 1894.

RUBBER ECONOMY.**A PATCH IN TIME SAVES NINE.**

AMERICA'S NEW SLOGAN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, Dec. 21.

Mr. Hoover, with the co-operation of the National Rubber and Automobile Associations, has launched a programme with the slogan "a patch in time saves nine" to arouse the public to economise in rubber, especially in motor tyres, in regard to which a reduction in consumption of 25 per cent is considered feasible.

MEXICO PETROLEUM.**GOVERNMENT EXERCISES FULL DOMINION.**

(Reuter's American Service.)

Mexico City, Dec. 21.

Parliament has passed the Petroleum Bill, which gives Government inalienable dominion over all gas, oil, and mineral deposits, but the Bill is not retro-spective.

OPIUM TRAFFIC.**LEAGUE ACCEPTS THE U.S. CHAIRMAN.**

FORMER HONGKONG MAN.

(Reuter's Service.)

Geneva, Dec. 22.

The League has received the acceptance of the American, Mr. Frederic Delano, (who was born in Hongkong) as Chairman of the Opium Commission to Persia.

Mr. Delano, accompanied by his British and French colleagues to Teheran, expects to complete the investigation and report to the Council in June.

It is understood that Mr. Delano will be instructed to ascertain whether Turkey will attempt to corner the opium production in the event of Persia abandoning it.

GREAT STORM.**VERY HEAVY LOSSES IN JAPAN.**

MANY SHIPWRECKS.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, Dec. 23.

Northern Japan was swept by a storm yesterday, the losses reported including twenty fishing boats which capsized, 150 fishermen being missing in the Fukushima Prefecture.

Numbers of houses were destroyed and twenty people are missing at Aomori. Forty vessels were shipwrecked, with ten casualties, at Muroran.

Ten men and six houses were carried away by a tidal wave at Oshima and Hokkaido, respectively.

Several deaths, casualties, and damage are reported from other parts.

YARN MARKET.**DEPLORABLE STATE IN BRITAIN.**

SECTIONAL STOPPAGE.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, Dec. 21.

The Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' Associations, at a meeting in Manchester, unanimously decided to recommend a week's stoppage in the American section between December 24 and January 9, excluding the Christmas holidays, in view of the deplorable state of the yarn market in the American section.

DRUNK AND UNFIT.**EUROPEAN SERGEANT CHARGED.**

FINED ON TWO CHARGES.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning, Lance Sergeant C. E. Taylor of the Hongkong Police was charged on two counts of being drunk and unfit for duty and absented himself from his station at West Point at 8 p.m. on Monday.

Mr. D. Burlingham (D.S.P.) said that the defendant had served since March 1924 and had been reported by the doctor to be suffering from a disease in the eyes. He was given the option of resigning or going before a medical board. No resignation had been sent in, and apparently failing to get a billet elsewhere, he took to drink and absented himself from duty.

Defendant pleaded guilty to both charges and had no explanation to offer.

Remarking that defendant had a bad record, His Worship imposed a fine of \$50, or three weeks' hard labour, on each charge.

DISHONEST COOLIE.**RICSHA PULLER WHO BOLTED.**

JAILED ON TWO CHARGES.

A ricksha coolie was charged at the Central Magistracy this morning with the theft of a letter case and alternatively with failing to report the find to the police.

The evidence was that a Chinese merchant inadvertently left the letter case containing banking documents in the ricksha at the Bank of Canton building. On discovering his loss the merchant ran back to find the ricksha coolie, but he had disappeared. He was arrested later by the police and reluctantly surrendered the missing article.

Defendant was sentenced to undergo one month's hard labour on the first charge, and fourteen days on the other, the sentences to run concurrently.

SHORTHAND.**LOCAL EXAMINATION RESULTS.**

The following results of the examinations in Pittman's Shorthand (theory) have been sent to us for publication:

Italian Convent, Caine Road:—The Misses Kimmy Barretto, Alice Gutierrez, Thelma May, Celestina Xavier, Helen Garrod, Cissy Wong, Helen Waller, Agnes Dillon, Matilda Pereira, Romigla Elaric, Ruby Simoes, Kate Sullivan, Maria L. Ozorio, and Iris Gillingham.

St. Mary's School, Kowloon:—The Misses Olga Remedios, Carolina Ribeiro, Albertina Garcia, Mercedes Ribeiro, Cissy Noronha, Ester Carvalho, Ena Danenberg, Gladys Sousa, Leonor Xavier, and Josephine Stoppa.

A Chinese boy was injured yesterday afternoon in a motor cycle accident at Connaught Road Central.

A charge of attempting to introduce poison into the food of her master, a European, was withdrawn against a Chinese amah at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, there being no direct evidence. Salts of lemon amounting to 8.3 grains was found in the food after analysis, a fatal dose being stated to be 200 grains.



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Another attempt to smuggle opium ashore was detected on the wharf last night by a Chinese revenue officer when he searched a cargo coolie who was seen to leave the s.s. "Sal On." The man had 10 tals of prepared opium concealed in his clothing.

Tendering a plea of guilty to unlawful possession of the drug at the Central Magistracy this morning, defendant was fined \$1,000, or six months' hard labour.

INSURANCE OFFICES.

NOTICE.

GENERAL HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all FIRE and MARINE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 25th and 26th December, 1925.

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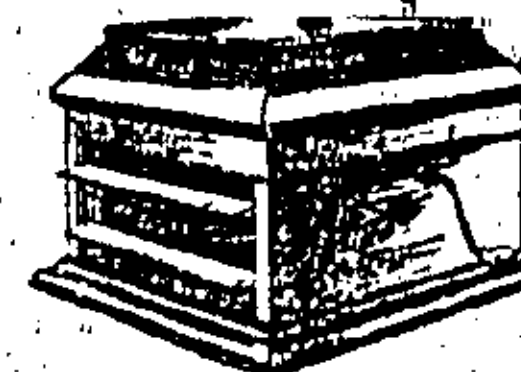
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No. 3 HAMPER.

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1 Doz. Martell's XXX Brandy;
1 Qt. Superior Rich Old Port;
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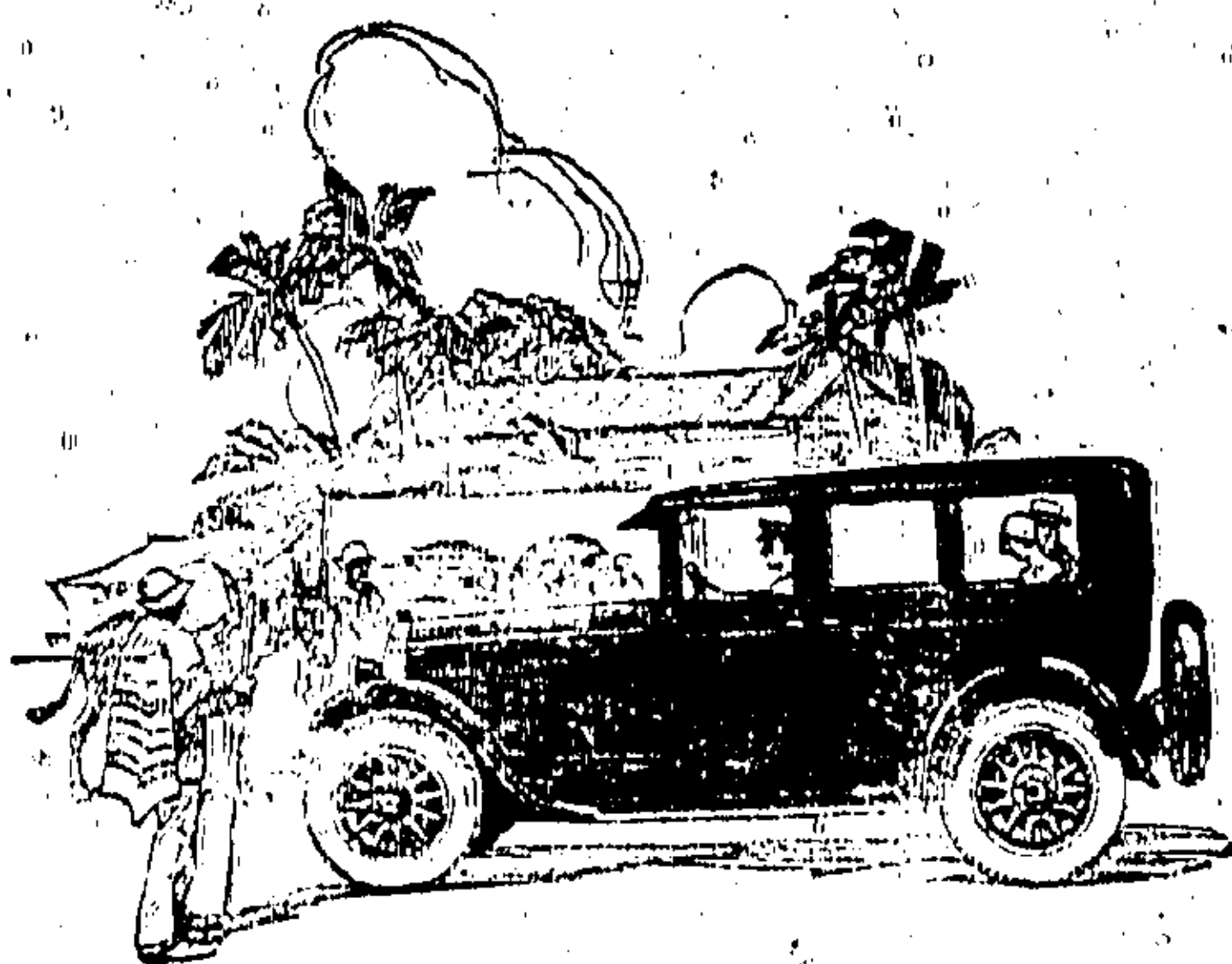
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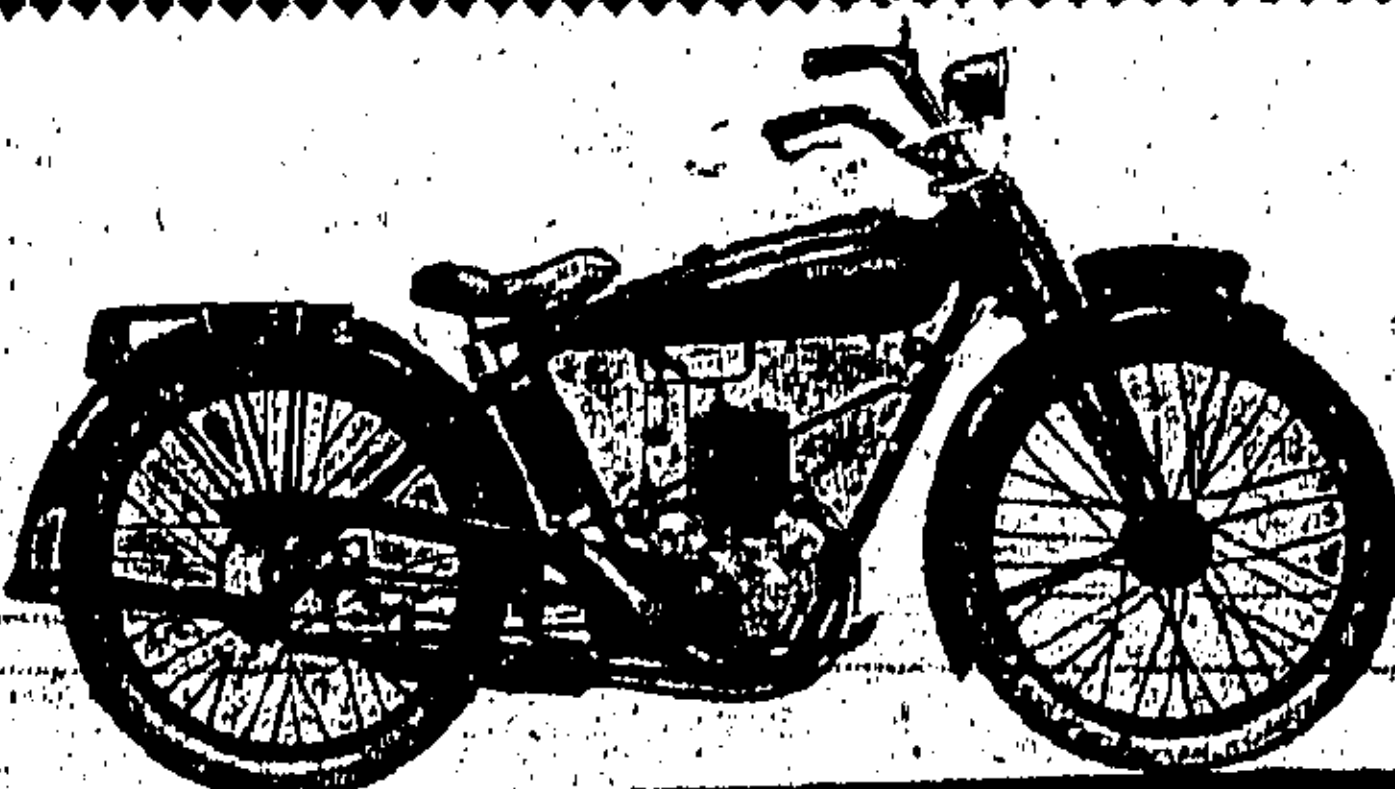
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The Stewards of the Shanghai Race Club have donated \$1,500 to the Portuguese Ladies' Benevolent Society and a similar sum to the Shanghai Rishu Mission.

Spain has put the ban on the preaching by school teachers of anti-social and anti-patriotic doctrines inside or outside classrooms. The Official Gazette publishes a Government order to this effect. The order was inspired by similar action on the part of the French Government, although it is said that there have been few cases of propaganda work discovered in Spain.

The number of privately owned American vessels engaged in overseas trade increased from 117 to 124 during the quarter from July 1 to October 1, the Shipping Board's Bureau of Research announces. The Government-owned fleet October 1 included 1,185 steam and motor vessels of 7,770,071 gross tons, approximately 30 per cent of which was in active service.

While the prospects of the discovery of oil in commercial quantities in Australia are generally unfavourable, indications in the Roma district of Queensland and the Kimberly district of Western Australia justify the recommendation that further detailed geological mapping should be undertaken, says a report of the federal joint committee of public accounts on oil exploration in Australia and Papua.

The periodical sales, one of which has just been held, by direction of the Port of London Authority, are really colossal jumble sales. No flight of the imagination would be too great in forecasting what might come under the auctioneer's hammer: Boars' tusks, shark fins, porcupine quills, a tin box containing a naval officer's sword and uniform, perambulators, an iron ship's lifeboat. Perhaps this last, which fetched twenty-five shillings, was the same one which, at a previous sale fetched one shilling and was not taken away. For who would have expected to have a whole boat knocked down to him for a shilling. All these thousand and one different articles have been left unclaimed in the dock warehouses and are sold to recover to some extent the charges due on them.

At 6 o'clock yesterday morning the temperature at Shanghai was 28 degrees, whilst at Hongkong it was 55.

The total amount of rubber exported from the F.M.S. in November was 12,885.27 tons; 164.30 tons of rubber latex was also exported.

The Director of Education in Java has notified that from July 1, 1926, three girls' schools will be started at Batavia, Semarang and Soerabaya for the Dutch education of Chinese girls.

Somewhat belated, owing to the difficulties of getting the material together, a Hans Christian Andersen exhibition has been opened in the dignified building of the Prussian State Library, Unter den Linden, in honour of this year's fiftieth anniversary of his death. It is an exquisite little collection of intimate things gathered from Danish and German friends, besides editions of Andersen from the earliest date to the present sumptuous German "Läxus-Ausgaben."

The sight of a young woman eating a chocolate éclair with great relish outside his glass cage caused Albert Wolley, a professional faster, to go violently insane. After gazing fixedly at the fast disappearing daintily in the girl's fingers, Wolley suddenly rose, seized his chair and smashed the glass in an effort to reach the food. He was taken to a hospital, raving. The faster was on the twelfth of his scheduled thirty foodless and sleepless days and had been an attraction in a busy Paris thoroughfare, where his cage was installed in a large hall.

A recent arrival from Tsinanfu considers that things have changed in Shanghai since he departed from that city about five years ago. On the first day's stroll down Nanking Road to see the "improvements," as he called them, he narrowly missed being run over by a bolting horse. Almost within the next few minutes he found himself being screamed at by an infuriated foreign chauffeur for standing in the place where most people eventually get it in the back if they are facing West. The Tsinanfuite says he is sight-seeing from a tramcar, next time he tackles the length of the "faloo."

Peking Gates now open at five in the morning and close at nine at night according to new regulations.

From Wuhu it is reported that two women bandits captured by the troops were publicly executed at the gates of the city.

The rights to Bernard Shaw's Saint Joan have been sought by Joan S. Robertson for motion picture production, but according to report have been refused by the famous author.

Feeling hungry, the giant boa-constrictor in the Hamburg Zoo found the end of his tail and began to swallow it. Finally he was choked in the process and was found dead lying in a circle. The snake-symbol of eternity.

Treasury notes for £131 and a slip of paper bearing the words, "Returned parish pay, with many thanks," have been received by the Poole relieving officer. They were enclosed in a home-made brown paper bag. Efforts to trace the sender have been unsuccessful.

When sailing for Europe from New York, on November 13, Mr. Hudson Maxim, the famous inventor, said that one of the chief reasons for his first trip abroad for 26 years was to get some ale and stout. The aged inventor said: "We will have to invent a new human race if prohibition is to be enforced, and that new race will have to be aided and abetted by the Anti-Saloon League. Drinking races have always dominated the world, and always will do so. The enforcement of prohibition is the enforcement of a crime."

Plans are under way and near completion at the Pickford-Fairbanks studio for blowing up at sea of a full-rigged seventeenth century galleon. The craft is to be destroyed for a scene in Douglas Fairbanks' new picture, "The Black Pirate," and is promised as one of the most spectacular feats ever attempted for pictures. The vessel to be blown up is the wrecked lumber schooner Muriel, virtually a derelict until Fairbanks rebuilt her for the photoplay. She is lodged on the bar at the entrance to Balboa Harbour, on the California Coast, and has been declared a menace to commerce by the Government.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. J. H. M. Andrew of Jardine, Matheson and Co., in Kobe expects to leave Kobe soon for Hongkong where he is being transferred.

Passengers due to arrive this week by the P. & O. s.s. "Khyber" include Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Buchanan, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Paterson, Mr. W. Russell and Miss Russell, Comdr. W. S. Gray, Instr. Lieut. J. R. Wilson, Mr. W. Wood, Mrs. Murdoch, Mrs. J. S. King, Mrs. W. Bower and the Misses Bower, Mr. J. F. Arber, Miss C. K. Morrison and Mr. J. Fleming.

Among the passengers departing by the P. & O. s.s. "Kashgar" on Saturday will be Capt. C. H. D. O'Callaghan, 5/2nd Punjab Regiment (single tennis champion of the Colony), who leaves for India, Mr. W. J. Carrie (of the Colonial Secretary's Office) and Mrs. Carrie, for Home and Lieut. General Sir Charles and Lady Dobell and Miss Dobell, who recently arrived in the Colony by the R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" and have booked for Singapore.

The following appears in "The Monthly Agency Review" for November, the organ of the Sun Life Assurance Co. Mr. B. W. Tape will be associated with Mr. Wallace at Hongkong, in the capacity of Resident Secretary. Mr. Tape has behind him a long record of success in the Life Assurance field. He was formerly Resident Secretary and more recently General Agent at Hongkong with the China Mutual, and on that Company's business being taken over by the Sun Life, he continued to act as our Representative, with marked success. His appointment will be popular amongst his large circle of friends, both Chinese and European, by whom he is held in great esteem, and his intimate knowledge of the Chinese language and of our business will be of great assistance in ensuring a smooth and efficient organization directed from Hongkong.

A Congregation will be held at the University of Hongkong on Tuesday, January 12, for the conferring of degrees. Tea will be served at 4 p.m. and the degree ceremony will take place at 5 p.m.

Command Orders announce that on Boxing Day and on New Year's Eve, social evenings have been specially arranged for Naval and Military members by the C.E. Society, Union Church Hall, Kennedy Road.

Mr. Ralph H. Norris head of the passenger department of the Dollar and Admiral Oriental Steamship Lines office in Kobe, has tendered his resignation effective January 1. Mr. Norris expects to return to the United States to represent several companies in Japan. He will remain in Japan for several weeks after his resignation is effective before departing for the States. Mr. Norris was formerly in the Yokohama office of the Admiral Oriental and Dollar Lines before coming to Kobe.

It is interesting to note that Dr. William Montgomery McGovern, the famous explorer who is now reported missing in the interior of Brazil near the head waters of the Amazon had his first employment with "The Japan Advertiser." The mother and son arrived in Japan from Manila where his father, who had been a journalist, had died. He was at that time a youth 10 years of age and did stenographic work. Following this he took up work at the Box of Curios at Yokohama. He afterwards became a priest at the Niishi Honganji Temple at Kyoto and was quite prominent at the time of the coronation ceremonies, interpreting to the foreign diplomat who attended that historical event. He was the first foreigner to become a priest of that particular sect. After spending two years in Kyoto he left for China. He is the author of a work on Japan.

Mr. Charles Biddle, who left Kobe last spring on home leave after being a member of the staff of the International Banking Corporation in that city for about three years, has arrived in Shanghai where he will be connected with the International Banking Corporation.

Sir Robert James Black, Bt., of Midgham Park, Berks, chairman of the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited, and the Anglo-French Textile Company, Ltd., and a director of the Shell Transport and Trading Company, Ltd., and of other companies, who died on September 28, 1925, left unsettled property of the gross value of £635,471, with net personalty £483,205. He appointed the Alliance Assurance Company, Limited, as sole executor.

Mr. H. E. Cole, formerly general manager of the Standard Oil Company of New York for Japan and well known in Tokyo and Yokohama, announced his engagement to Mrs. Dorothy Carruthers of New York at a dinner at the Tor Hotel, Kobe. The dinner was given by Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Ensworth, general manager of the Standard Oil Company for Japan and Kobe, and 25 guests were present. Mrs. Carruthers is travelling in the Orient with Mrs. J. A. Daugherty of Portland. The wedding will probably take place in the spring. Mr. Cole is now a vice-president of the Standard Oil Company with offices in New York City.

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INNINGS WIN.

AUSTRALIAN STATE CRICKET.

TEST PLAYERS TO FOLD.

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Adelaide, Dec. 22.
New South Wales beat South Australia, at cricket, by an innings and 99 runs. Scores:—
S.A. (1st) 185 runs. V. Richardson made 69; A. A. Mailey took 6 wickets for 79 runs.
N.S.W. (1st) 564 runs. C. G. Macartney made 112; T. J. E. Andrews 63; J. M. Taylor 96; A. F. Kippax 56; J. M. Gregory 68; J. D. Scott took 5 wickets for 117 runs.
S.A. (2nd) 270. Gun made 59; V. Richardson 61; J. M. Gregory took 4 wickets for 75 runs and C. E. Kelleway 8 for 57.

RIFLE LEAGUE.

H.M.S. "HAWKINS" BEAT ORDNANCE.

H.M.S. "Hawkins" defeated the Royal Army Ordnance Corps by 100 points in a Hongkong Rifle League match at Stonecutters last Saturday.

Scores:—

H.M.S. "HAWKINS."

P.O. H. Page 98
P.O. A. C. Thoday 89
A.B. L. Ring 86
P.O. A. Leary 81
Sgt. W. J. Shaw 79
L.S. S. Trowbridge 78
C/Sgt. W. Gossett 78
P.O. T. Shenton 72

Total 659

[Score per range was:—200 yards, 210; 500 yards, 239; 600 yards, 210; total 659.]

R.A.O.C.

Maj. A. R. Stamford 87
Col. C. M. Stephenson 82
S/Sgt. M. W. Conley 75
Q.M.S. J. Wakeford 70
Pte. F. Roberts 69
Pte. C. Lake 61
Cpl. J. Mannering 60
L. Cpl. J. Bendall 55

Total 559

[Score per range was:—200 yards, 186; 500 yards, 206; 600 yards, 167; total 559.]

GOLF CLUB.

FANLING BOGEY POOL RESULT.

The Golf Club bogey pool at Fanling last week ended with:—
C. C. Stark, 1 down (wins).
W. L. Dunbar, 2 down.
A. H. Ferguson, 4 down.
There were 27 entries.

TENNIS TOUR.

BRITISH TEAM IN SOUTH AFRICA.

MOTHER COUNTRY ON TOP.

(Times of Ceylon.)

Kimberley, December 2.
The British lawn tennis team continued its victorious career by defeating Griqualand West by nine matches to one. It is remarkable that all ten contests were won in straight sets. L. Tapscott, who scored Griqualand's solitary victory, is the best match cricketer. He played in four out of five Tests against F. T. Mann's (M.C.C.) team. Results were as follows:—
Godfree and Miss McKane (Great Britain) beat L. Tapscott and Miss Tapscott, 6/4, 0/0.

Barnes and Miss Colyer (Great Britain) beat O'Hagan and Miss Rogers, 6/1, 6/8.
Crole Rees and Mrs. Watson (Great Britain) beat N. Tapscott and Miss Lloyd, 6/2, 6/2.
Summerson and Miss Ridley (Great Britain) beat Warner and Miss Tyson, 6/4, 6/4.

Mrs. Watson and Miss Ridley (Great Britain) beat Miss Lloyd and Mrs. Norton, 6/0, 6/4.
Miss Colyer and Miss McKane (Great Britain) beat Miss Tapscott and Miss Rogers, 6/4, 6/4.
Summerson and Crole Rees (Great Britain) beat N. Tapscott and E. Farrelly, 6/4, 6/8.

Godfree and Barnes (Great Britain) beat L. Tapscott and O'Hagan, 6/2, 6/4.
Mrs. Watson (Great Britain) beat Miss Rogers, 6/4, 6/1.
L. Tapscott (Griqualand) beat Summerson, 6/8, 6/8.

NAVY ON TOP.

SIM SHIELD HOCKEY MATCH.

ARMY LOSE YESTERDAY.

Winning by the odd goal in five from the Army at the U.S.R.C. yesterday, the Royal Navy hockey team placed itself in very favourable position for capturing the Sim Shield from the Hongkong Hockey Club (holders this season).

Hitherto the Navy and the Army have each defeated the Club once each—by narrow margins. Then the service teams drew, giving each three points. Yesterday's victory makes the Navy's total five. They cannot be beaten. To tie, the Army must beat the Club but the Navy must also lose to the Club in the return match. Any other result will make the Navy certain winners.

Play yesterday was of a very high order. The first half ran evenly and the score of 2-all at half-time was a fair indication of the game.

Sillitoe gave the Navy the lead. Burgess equalised. Hill put the senior service ahead again but Burgess again squared matters. Some time had elapsed in the second session when Nicholson scored the winning goal.

The teams were:—

Navy:—Lt. Garwood; Lt. Wauchope; Lt. Emley; Lt. King; Lt. Simpson (Capt.); Lt. Broome; Pay-Sub-Lt. Wilson; Lt. Nicholson; Lt. Hill; Lt. Sillitoe, Lt. Fleet.

Army:—Sergt. Clark; Sergt. Phillips; Lt. Smith; Capt. C. D. Armstrong; Capt. D. J. Allfree (Capt.); Lt. Webb; L/Cpl. Masters; Lt. V. R. Wright; Neville, Pte. Burgess; Lt. Jacob; Larcomb; 2nd Lt. C. H. Dickens.

Club 2nd XI Defeated.

The Club 2nd XI went down yesterday to "C" Co., 1/East Surrey, by 2 goals to 3. E. J. R. Mitchell (the 1st XI skipper) played at centre half for the second team.

Early on the soldiers—who showed much better form than earlier in the season—scored a goal when the Club were two men short.

The first Club goal credited to T. J. Price, was rather unusual. He centred from the wing to the circle where the Surrey's goalie was running back to his position. The ball struck the custodian's pads and went in. Lyon got the Club's other point with a good shot.

FOUR CASUALTIES.

LAI WAH CUP SEMI-FINAL REPLAY.

NAVY WIN IN EXTRA TIME.

Finishing up in extra time with a man short, the Royal Navy won their tie in the semi-final of the Lai Wah football Cup, playing for the third time yesterday (after two indecisive matches), by scoring three goals in 20 minutes while their opponents—South China—had only eight men on the field.

Sookumpoo was packed for the game and at the end of scheduled time, the score was 2-all so that an extra ten minutes each way was ordered as two previous meetings had seen the same teams finish level.

Four minutes after kick-off Leung Wing-tak gave his side the lead, this being maintained until the interval.

In the second session Chatt equalised through a misunderstanding on the Chinese goalies' (Lau Hing-cheung) part.

Brinn then put the senior service one up but Suen squared matters again, from a penalty for hands, after he had banged in a hot drive which Moodie (the Naval custodian) felled.

The first ten minutes of extra time saw Brinn and Connor get through, the latter obtaining a gift goal. Brinn subsequently made the Navy's total five to the two goals by the Chinese.

The winners meet the Civilians (holders) in the final.

UNITED SERVICES FINALS.

Sookumpoo is also the venue to-day of the finals in the United Services soccer.

At 2 p.m. Staff and Department play Surrey Regt. reserves in the junior division. The Surrey Regt. XI meet the Royal Artillery in the senior at 3.45 p.m.

At the close H.E. Colonel C. Russell-Brown (R.A.G.C.) will give away the trophies.

HOME RUGGER.

FROST BEATS ALL BUT FOUR.

RESULTS AHEAD OF MAIL.

(Times of Ceylon.)

London, Dec. 5.
The following are the results of rugby football matches played to-day:—
Leicester beat the Harlequins by 11 points to 9.
Devonport Services beat Bath by 15 points to 3.
The remaining matches were scratched on account of frost.

BOWLS TEST.

BRITAIN DOES WELL AT SYDNEY.

ONE-ALL IN TWO TESTS.

(Times of Ceylon.)

Sydney, Dec. 4.
In the first Test Match against New South Wales the team of British lawn bowls was beaten by 104 points to 80.

Sydney, Dec. 5.
In the second Test Match against New South Wales, Britain won by 99 points to 89.

Sydney, Dec. 3.
In a match against New South Wales Britain won by 164 points to 148.

THE NOBLE ART.

AMERICA CLAIMS WORLD TITLES.

"CORNER" IN BOXING.

For the first time in a decade the United States holds undisputed world titles in every division of pugilism. There are, as always, contenders for, but no longer pretenders to, the several crowns.

For a brief time in 1913 America claimed a "corner" on the bone-bruising industry, but British sporting circles refused to acknowledge this leadership. It was not, in fact, until quite recently that England ceased scoffing at the claims of some of these champions and yielded a somewhat grudging homage, says the "China Press."

Jimmy Wilde, 108 pounds of buzz-saw, was the lad who definitely put an end to this situation.

Early in 1923 Wilde came to the United States, and went down for the count at the hands of Pancho Villa in the seventh round. Since the Philippines are an insular possession of the United States it might have been claimed that the new flyweight champion was an American, but this claim would be rather far-fetched. To-day, however, there is no question about each leader of the several classes being a real American, and that his claim to the crown he wears is bona fide.

Just how long we shall hold this headline position is of course impossible to say.

Knute Hanson Contender.

Knute Hanson, the giant Swede who is so well known in Shanghai, and who disposed of everything he found in his trip around the world, is back in the States, yowling for a match with a well-known film champion, and the heavyweight champion of Sweden will arrive in New York in January. It looks like a hard winter.

The history of the flyweight crown, as indicated, is comparatively brief. After the death of Villa, Fidel La Barba in midsummer of this year took the measure of Frankie Genaro, American flyweight titleholder. La Barba is generally recognised as the world's flyweight champion as Genaro twice defeated Villa on points.

The bantam-weight crown has changed heads a dozen times since 1890.

Bantam champions since then have been George Dixon, Jimmy Barry, Harry Forbes, Frankie Neil, Jow Bowker (Britain), Kid Williams, Pete Herman, Joe Lynch, Herman (again), Johnny Buff, Lynch (again), Abe Goldstein, "Cannonball" Martin, Charles (Phil) Rosenberg.

[Note:—Generally accepted world champions are:—

Heavy—Jack Dempsey.
Middle—Harry Greb.
Welter—Mickey Walker.
Bantam—Phil Rosenberg.]

Cambridge, Nov. 28.—In the Coleridge, souls that J. C. R. Booth (of Lady Margaret) beat R. J. C. Booth (of Lady Margaret) by a length in a great race. The winner's time was 6 min. 2 sec.

BORDER INQUIRY.

VERDICT OF JUSTIFIABLE HOMICIDE.

JURY AND QUESTIONS.

In the course of cross-examination by the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) yesterday, Sub-Inspector Barnett said with reference to the two Chinese he shot near the border recently that there was no doubt but that they would have got away had he not fired. When one of the men ran down the hill he fired two shots and witness replied with two. His idea in firing was to stop them and not to kill.

In reply to Mr. Barnett, foreman of the jury, witness said that he believed all three men to be armed at the time but he had reason to believe now that only one who fired at him was armed.

There was reason to believe, from the notebooks found on the men who were shot that the latter were members of a strike picket, stated Mr. W. G. Gerrard, A.S.P., in answer to the Coroner.

THE LAW.

It was clear from the earliest time of the common-law of England, which ran in the Colony, said the Coroner, in his summing up, that if a person whom an officer was legally attempting to arrest on a charge of felony, fees and cannot otherwise be arrested, he may be killed and the homicide is justifiable.

The Coroner handed to the jury certain questions, and they retired to consider them.

The questions, in part, were:—

(1) Had Inspector Barnett reasonable cause to believe that the three men he met on the hill-side were robbers, that was to say, felons who had robbed women?

(2) Did the two men who were killed flee when he attempted to intercept them?

(3) If they did flee, had he reasonable cause to think they were armed and might shoot him unless he fired first?

(4) In the circumstances did the jury consider Inspector Barnett could have effected an arrest of the men without firing?

REPLIES BY THE JURY.

The jury were absent for a few minutes and replied to the questions as follows:—

(1) He had reasonable cause to believe they were robbers.

(2) The two men did flee.

(3) He had cause to think they were armed.

(4) In the circumstances he could not have effected their arrest without violence.

On that evidence the Coroner returned a verdict of justifiable homicide.

He thanked the jury for their attention and for the time they had spent in considering a difficult case.

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FOUR BOUND VOLUMES.

A will longer than most modern novels, written nearly all by the hand of its author, Mrs. Frederica Evelyn Stilwell Cook, in four large books heavily bound in blue leather with additional outer covers and heavily gilt edges, has been admitted to probate.

Mrs. Cook was the widow of Mr. Wyndham Francis Cook, of the drapery firm of Cook, Son, and Co., St. Paul's-church-yard, E.C., who left £1,224,381 when he died in 1905. Mrs. Cook disposes of only £17,180 in her will, which is the longest on record. The total number of words is 95,940.

The documents contain what is practically a priced inventory of large quantities of lace, jewellery, furs, embroideries, dressing bags, ornaments, and so forth. The four volumes have 2,216 pages, all of which are not written on, but there are in addition to the books several sheets of foolscap.

An official copy of this will under the seal of the registry would cost £79 6s. 6d., as 1,054 of the 1,088 folios would have to be copied facsimile, for they consist of tabulated matter. Hitherto the record for length has been held by a document of slightly more than 400 probate folios.

The eighth Duke of Devonshire left a will of 197 folios, and the late Lord Burton left a will and codicil of 118 folios, swollen to nearly 400 by attached inventories.

Reuter cables that no English papers will be published on Christmas Day or Boxing Day.

CHANGED TIMES.

WOMAN TO USURP MAN'S PRIVILEGES?

COURTESY AS INSULT!

The alleged "unrest" among women, which signified a spirit of discontent and refractoriness, was noticeable some years before the war, since when a marked change has taken place, both remarkable and astonishing in its effect upon the nation's commerce and prosperity, (writes A. Leonard Summers, in the "Sunday Express").

What amounted to a desire for "advancement" of the feminine sex, so emphatically initiated by the suffragette movement, has gradually developed into an upheaval, almost a sexual revolution. The tastes, dress, manners, customs, ambitions, emotions, life, and psychology have practically reversed. Football, boxing, gambling, and all other sports, hitherto the monopoly of the male sex, are now generally adopted everywhere in this country by women, who now openly profess to regard refinement and courtesy as signs of weakness.

Indeed, one polite gentleman, who foolishly imagined that the "fair" sex still appreciated courtesy, was bluntly told by a "lady" that it was not wanted, and that she considered courtesy towards her sex was an insult!

REVERSING THE SEXES.

There is a tendency to ape male styles as regards dress in every detail, so that from appearance and deportment it is very difficult to distinguish a female from a male. Add to all this the constant penetration by women into men's spheres of activity and it becomes apparent that the ambition of the female is to usurp male privileges.

If we inquire into the masculine idio syncrasies we shall perceive a severe contrast, clearly revealing the other great change astounding contention that the sexes of his generation are undergoing a startling reversing process.

Our young men appear to be becoming almost mentally flabby; their apathy is appalling. Nothing but the eternal "sport" matters; industry and trade may go to the dogs so long as there is football and racing. Abnormal taxation, bureaucratic tyranny, unemployment, diluted beer (at high prices)—nothing rouses their resentment, it seems, whereas the mere suggestion of taxing or tampering with the Briton's beer caused riots thirty years ago!

What is the cause of this extraordinary change, this deadening indifference? For some considerable time the young Englishman has been growing more and more effeminate—first observed when he began to decorate himself with rings, bracelets, etc., and bestowed undue care and attention upon his oily hair, brushing it back in what was called the "knot" fashion.

FAINTING MEN.

Fashionable barbers declare that the modern young man spends hours at their shops, disburdening anything from three shillings to as many pounds on this wonderful make-up. That he is highly emotional we learn from the London Grand Guignol management, who stated that their "thrills" were often too much for his delicate nerves, causing fainting. "Of every ten persons who are too overcome to remain in the theatre, nine are men," they are told.

This unsatisfactory situation is distinctly bad for the trade, industry and progress of the country, and in my opinion the root cause of it is the feminine influence at work in our educational system. A schoolmaster says: "Several thousands of women are to-day teaching in boys' schools, with the result that 700,000 boys are being 'educated' by women. The teaching profession has been allowed to become the experimenting ground for the feminist movement of sex squabbles."

The present system is unnatural, obviously. Men should train the male mind, if there is to be strength of character, breadth of vision, courage, organisation, sound judgment, and other qualifications with which we expect men to be equipped.

A merry company were assembled at the Christmas dinner-table, and all enjoyed the feast of good things provided by the genial hostess.

One of the guests, in a jocular manner, asked little Tommy, the son of the hostess, where turkeys came from.
"Dunno," he answered, "but I can tell you where this one came from," (pointing to the one on the table). "Ma got it from a tramp for one-and-a-pence, 'cause he said he stole it. Didn't he?"

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 23, 1925, 10.30 a.m.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Sharebrokers' Association.	Share & Real Estate Brokers' Society.
T.T. on London	24 1/2	24 1/2	24 1/4
T.T. on Shanghai	7 1/2	7 1/2	nom.
Banks.			
Hongkong Bank	1000 s. 98 1/2 s.	\$990 n.	\$1000 b.
do. London	1120 n.	—	1123 1/2 n.
Chartered Bank	421 n.	421 n.	421 n.
Mercantile Bank, A. & B. do. C.	420 1/2 n.	420 1/2 n.	420 1/2 n.
P. & O. Bank	413 1/2 n.	413 1/2 n.	412 n.
Bank of East Asia	40 1/2 n.	40 1/2 n.	40 1/2 n.
Marine Insurance.			
Canton Insurance	600 n.	600 n.	\$600 b.
China Underwriters	234 b.	230 b.	234 b.
North China Insurance	T 140 n.	T 140 n.	T 140 n.
Union Insurance	254 n.	253 n.	\$253 s.
Yangtze Insurance	35 b.	36 b.	36 b.
Fire Insurance.			
China Fire Insurance	160 n.	160 b.	\$200 n.
H.K. Fire Insurance	600 n.	600 n.	590 n.
Shipping.			
Douglases	35 s.	32 b.	36 s.
Hongkong Steamboats	23 n.	23 s.	22 s.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	4 1/2 s.	4 1/2 n.	4 s.
Indo-Chinas (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) Ltd. do. Hk.	65 1/2 s.	—	65 s.
Oriental Navigation	\$250 n.	255 n.	—
Shell Transports	97 1/2 n.	97 1/2 b.	97 1/2 b.
Star Ferries	59 s.	60 n.	\$61 n.
Water-boats	16 b.	16 n.	16 b.
Refineries.			
China Sugars	31 n.	31 s.	31 n.
Malabon Sugars	48 n.	35 s.	50 n.
Mining.			
Benguet	2 n.	—	2 1/4 n.
Kailan Mining Ad. Langkats (Combined) do. (Single)	4 1/2 n.	4 1/2 n.	4 1/2 n.
Shanghai Exploration Shanghai Loan	T 33 1/2 s.	T 34 1/2 s.	T 34 s.
Rauba	5.45 n.	5 1/2 n.	—
Tromoh Mines	8 n.	8 n.	7 s.
Ural Caspian	\$5.80 n.	60 1/2 n.	60 1/2 b.
8 1/2 n.	—	7 1/2 b.	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.			
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$130 n.	\$134 n.	\$128 b.
H.K. & W. Docks	56 b.	56 b.	56 b.
Hongkows	T 167 1/2	T 7	T 167 1/2
New Engineerings	7 b.	7 n.	7 b.
Shanghai Docks	114 b.	116 b.	115 b.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.			
H.K. & S. Hotels (old) do. (new)	\$9 n.	8 1/4 s.	9 b. 9 1/4 s.
Hongkong Lands	68 1/4 n.	67 s.	67 b. 68 s.
H.K. Realty	5 b. 5 1/2 s.	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 b.
H.K. Territorials	5.60 b.	6 b.	6 b.
Humphreys, Estates	14 n.	13 1/2 b.	14 1/2 s.
Princes Building	150 n.	150 s.	—
Rural Lands	7 s.	—	—
Cotton Mills.			
Ewo Cottons	T 10 1/4 s.	T 10 s.	T 10 1/4 s.
Oriental	3 1/2 n.	3 1/2 s.	3 1/2 s.
Shanghai Cottons (old) do. (new)	62 s.	65 s.	65 s.
31 s.	38 s.	38 n.	—
Miscellaneous.			
Canton Ices	5 1/2 n.	5 1/2 s.	5 1/2 s.
Cements (comb.) do. (old)	15 1/2 n.	15 1/2 n.	15 1/2 s.
do. (new)	12 1/2 n.	12 n.	12 1/2 s.
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do. (new)	19 1/2 x.d. s.	13 x.d. s.	13 s.
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Dairy Farms	32 1/2 n.	8 1/4 s.	8 1/2 s.
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Hongkong Electric	10 n.	5 n.	—
H.K. Developments	10 1/2 b.	10 b.	—
H.K. Ropes (comb.) do. (old)	1.00 b.	2 1/2 b.	4 s.
do. (new)	53 1/4 n.	52 1/2 b.	53 b.
Hongkong Tramways Lane, Crawford	30 cts. b.	cts. 30 n.	cts. 25 b.
Macao Electric	40 s.	13 1/2 s.	40 n.
Mackintosh	8 1/4 n.	8 1/4 s.	8 1/4 n.
Nanyang Tobaccoes	22 1/2 b.	22 1/2 n.	22 1/2 b. & sa.
Peak Trams (old) do. (new)	12 1/2 n.	13 s.	13 s.
Sinceres	40 n.	—	—
Singapore Trams	21 1/2 n.	12 1/2 b.	16 b.
Taxis	8 n.	8 n.	9 n.
United Asbestos	11 s.	10 b.	10 s.
do. (Founders) (Ordinary)	—	8 1/2 n.	—
Watsons (old) do. (new)	5 s.	5 s.	5 s.
Wm. Powells	20 n.	600 n.	18 n.
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People and Events in the News of the World



Commander Worsley's British Arctic expedition is working its way homeward through the ice, headed for Spitzbergen. While in the northland, a polar bear visited the ship seeking a meal in the form of blubber.



VALEST EARRINGS

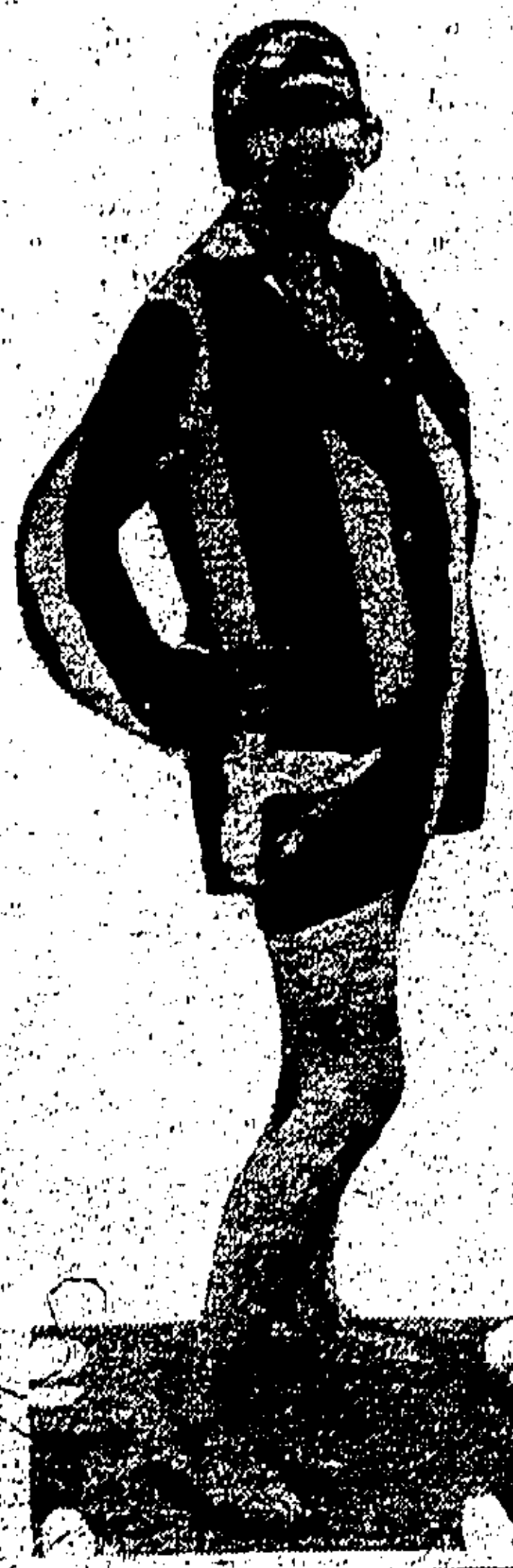
The newest fad for millinery was conceived by a London jeweller, and Bond Street stores are reported doing a rushing business as the buds and flappers seek the earring.



Mrs. William Mitchell, wife of the Colonel now under court-martial, and Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, widow of the "Shenandoah" commander, are both helping the Colonel in his campaign in connection with the present condition of America's air service.



Arthur Norcross bagged a silver-tipped, eight-foot grizzly and a stone sheep while on a hunting trip in British Columbia. The horns of the sheep measured thirty-eight inches.



MRS. GLENN BOWMAN

Sporting a new beach coat, Mrs. Glenn Bowman preceded the winter influx of tourists to Florida.



CAPT. RALPH PETO



FEODOR CHALUPIN



LADY GLENCONNER



LADY MURIEL PAGET

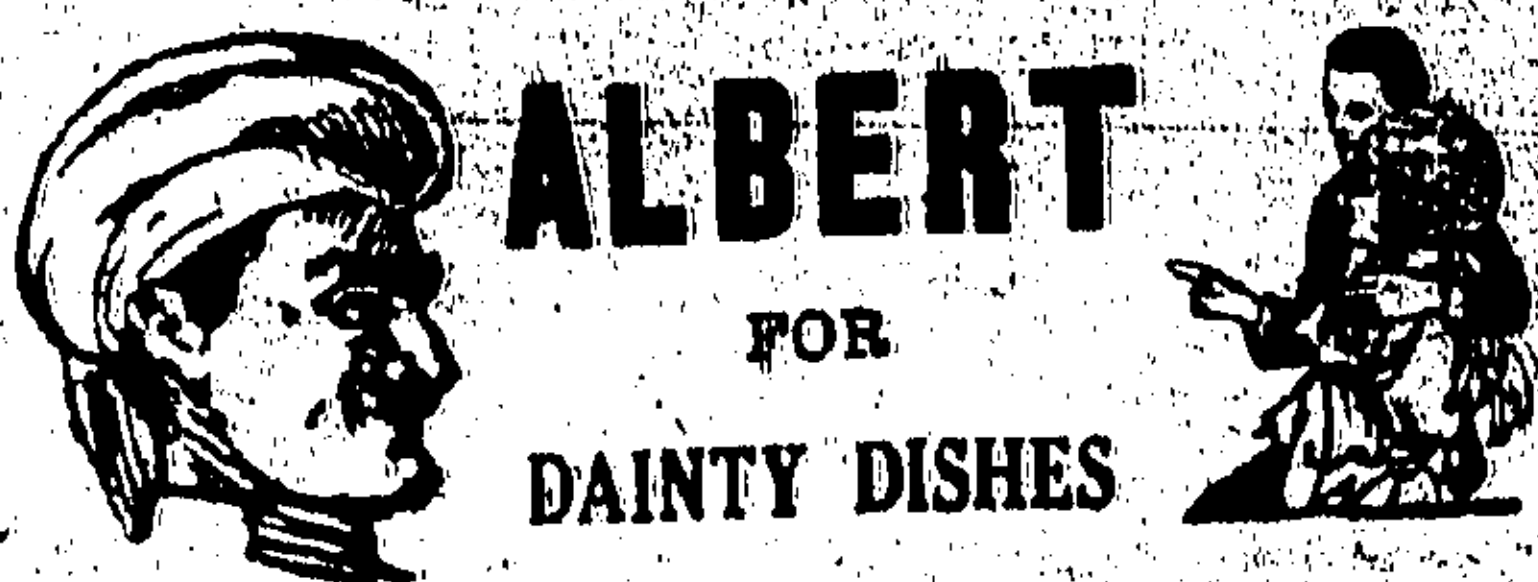
Capt. Ralph Peto, London, is the latest reported fiance of Mary Langdon Baker, heiress, who left her former sweetheart waiting at the church. Feodor Chalupin, once a boatman on the Volga River, is now the highest priced buase in the world. Lady Glenconner will accompany her mother, Lady Muriel Paget, when the latter will lecture on international relations.

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HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors the following list of some of the highest points on the Island and Mainland is published:—

Island.	Feet.
Victoria Peak	1828
Signal Station	1774
Mt. Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikoo Sanatorium	1600
Mt. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Alterbeds)	297
Mainland.	
Taimoshan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971

ODDS AND ENDS

Hair Dressing Changes.

The Eton crop, so a would-be well-informed gossip tells me, will soon be non-existent, although the shingle is said to have been given a new lease of life (says a writer in the London "Evening News"). The latest "cut" apparently is for the hair at the back of the head to be brushed the wrong way. This is said to give a roughened but attractive appearance to "cropped" heads. Personally, I don't think this style is so very new, for Lady Wodehouse is one person I know who has worn her pretty hair cut in this way for some time.

About Amber.
Amber is one of the strangest of nature's treasures (writes Peggy Webling in the "Daily Chronicle").

A string of beads, opaque and thick as honey, will be so transformed in sixty years as to be almost transparent, reflecting the light, and only splashed here and there with the original cloudiness. Warmth to the touch is another of its peculiar qualities. Greek philosophers commended the virtues of amber, and the Romans prized it as a gem. Craftsmen of the Middle Ages loved to adorn their handiwork with amber of every shade of colour. The popular idea that it is always yellow is not the fact, for there is amber which is almost white, amber as dark as mahogany, amber as red as wine, amber as brown as cedar wood, and amber, which has been hidden in the tombs of Egypt, nearly as black as jet.

Although the finest amber comes from the shores of the Baltic, it is found in all parts of the world, even far from the ocean. Good specimens have been collected from our English coast, and there is a story told by an author of the 18th century that it was once discovered in London, "between Tyburn and Kensington gravel pits, and likewise behind St. George's Hospital, near Hyde Park."

Flies in amber are very curious and interesting. Pope describes the impression that they give the beholder.

"The things, we know, are neither rich nor rare,
But wonder how the devil they got there."

A couple of almost perfect specimens, cut from the trees in an Indian forest, are before me as I write. The insects are often seen, by the loss of their legs and wings, to have struggled vainly to escape, but in these pretty pieces, smooth and gleaming, a tiny spider and a fly are hardly spoiled at all.

Brain Work.

The brain work that overtires and exhausts is that which accompanies care for the morrow, worry caused by the care to attain, or fear of failure, whether the matter at issue be one of industrial or commercial affairs, in which the fortune is engaged, or one of an examination or competition on which the future depends," says Dr. Bernard Hollander, interviewed by the "Morning Post," who goes on to assert:—"By worrying we raise the blood pressure, and this hinders still further the proper working of the intellect, which is largely dependent on the maintenance of a well-balanced circulation through the brain. The care-free and the joyous are able to do a vast amount of brain work, experiencing but little mental fatigue, whereas the victims of worry and grief, and similar unhealthy mental states, find themselves on the verge of brain fog after engaging in the most ordinary of mental activities. Most of our worries are due to a lack of confidence in our own ability, to a sense of past failure, and future impotency. The best thing to do is to get up and do something, or get out and see something. A hobby is invaluable in securing a diversity of interests."



CUBAN PRESIDENTIAL CHAIR

This chair, occupied by all Spanish governors and presidents of Cuba up to the present, will be shown at the Cuban Exposition.

St. Martin's Summer.

"I am fey, this autumn day, in the glamour of golden weather. As I stride along to a heart-sung song, thro' the knee-high nutbrown heather; The dale is filled with a wine-gold light, and summer's come back sure now. To set the yellows and reds ablaze on the half-stripped beechen bough."

There's a steel-blue gleam on the face of the stream, like the glint of a damask blade; And the birch tree, pranked in an old-gold dress, holds court in the bracken glade. The blade is like a draught of a vintage rare, as heady as draughts should be. And the woodland, drenched with the moorland wine, is aglow with dreams for me.

HARRY FRASER.

Napoleon Papers.

One of the leading things in the coming book-sales is the dispersal of the third and last part of the famous collection of letters and documents relating to Napoleon which was formed by the late Lord Crawford and Balcarras, writes the "Manchester Guardian." It is very rich in interesting things and includes scores of Napoleon's letters and battle orders. The series ends, with dramatic appropriateness, with a collection of papers concerning the last days at St. Helena.

Some of them have to do with the miserable wrangling between Sir Hudson Lowe and Napoleon and his entourage about the privileges which the prisoner so tenaciously maintained. One can dimly follow in these letters the development of the bitter controversy as the narrow-minded but probably well-meaning Governor busily wove his red tape round the fallen giant—"General Bonaparte" as his captors insisted on calling him. It is, of course, debated to this day whether or not Napoleon was badly treated by the Governor. In literature the most brilliant anti-Lowe argument is, of course, that of old Lord Rosebery in his "Last Phase." One of the most moving papers is a series of bulletins written by a British Army surgeon, Dr. Arnott, from the deathbed of the Emperor on May 5, 1821. "He is dying," Montholon prays I will not leave the bedside, he wishes I should see him breathe his last." The last entry reads: "He has this moment expired." The writing of this man who watched Napoleon die is faint, but clear.

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